



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Head Protection for Tactical Vehicles**

1. Reference, FORSCOM Regulation 385-1, Forces Command Safety Program, 31 March 1998.
2. Change 3 (25 Aug 03) to reference added a new paragraph 5-7d, which reads:  
"Head protection (kevlar helmet or CVC as appropriate) will be worn by all personnel operating or riding as a passenger in Army tactical vehicles whenever they are outside the motor maintenance facility. This head protection requirement applies to all FORSCOM units, regardless of their installation of assignment or deployed status."
3. The requirement outlined in paragraph 2 above, applies without exception to all military, DoD civilian, and contractor personnel under III Corps control or working on a III Corps installation. Failure to wear appropriate head protection when required may result in Uniform Code of Military Justice action for soldiers and other legal actions for DoD civilians and contractors.
4. Commanders and directors/chiefs of activities having contractors will expeditiously work with installation contracting representatives and request contract modifications that incorporate the provisions in paragraph 2 above. The Chief, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will initiate actions to review position descriptions (PD) of DoD civilian personnel having the need to operate or be passengers in tactical vehicles. The provisions of paragraph 2 above, will be incorporated into the PDs of those DoD civilian employees whose duties require driving or being passengers in tactical vehicles. Kevlars or CVC will be provided to DoD Civilians at no cost to the employees.
5. Head protection for drivers and passengers of tactical vehicles has historically prevented serious injuries during accidents. For that reason, I expect commanders and activity directors/chiefs to vigorously enforce the requirements for their soldiers, employees, and contractors to comply with this head protection requirement.

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